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For: METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF ATM CELLS  
FROM AN ATM COMMUNICATIONS  
DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 15, 2004, for which a response was due on April 15, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 15, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.